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NUCLEAR TESTS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the places in the country besides Rajasthan where nuclear tests could be carried out; and

(b) the prerequisites for selection of sites?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIST OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b) Any site which meets the requisite criteria with respect to properties of rock strata, geohydrology, isolation of the area from populated areas etc. could be considered suitable for underground nuclear tests. The Rajasthan site met these attributes.